

Remarks/Arguments

Status of the Application

In the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 27, 2007, claims 1-7 and 9-12 were rejected and claim 8 was allowed.

In the present response, claims 1-12 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicants right to prosecute the cancelled subject matter in a timely filed continuation application, and claims 13-32 have been added so that claims 13-32 are pending. Support for the newly added claims can be found in the claims as originally filed; Examples 14 and 21; page 10, lines 3-4, 18, 25-26, and 28; page 14, lines 5-7 and 17-30; and/or page 15, lines 1-12 and 19-25. No new matter has been added.

July 19, 2005 Request For Corrected Filing Receipt

Applicants note that a request for a corrected filing receipt was filed via fax on July 19, 2005. Applicants have not yet received the requested corrected filing receipt from the Office and therefore respectfully request that a corrected filing receipt being issued in accordance with Applicants' July 19, 2005 request.

As the papers submitted by Applicants on July 19, 2005 requesting the corrected filing receipt are available via PAIR, Applicants are not resubmitting the papers previously submitted on July 19, 2005 herewith. Applicants, however, invite the Office to contact Applicants' Representative at the number set forth hereinbelow should the Office desire Applicants to resubmit the aforementioned paperwork.

35 USC § 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs

Claims 1-7, 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 first and/or second paragraphs. Applicants respectfully assert that the 112 rejections as to claims 1-7, 10, and 12 have been rendered moot by the cancellation herein of claims 1-12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw these rejections.

35 USC § 101

Claims 1-6 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC § 101. Applicants respectfully assert that the 101 rejection as to claims 1-6 and 10 has been rendered moot by the cancellation herein of claims 1-12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw this rejection.

35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1-7 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b). Applicants respectfully assert that the 102(b) rejection as to claims 1-7 and 9 has been rendered moot by the cancellation herein of claims 1-12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw this rejection.

35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). Applicants respectfully assert that the 103(a) rejection as to claims 9-12 has been rendered moot by the cancellation herein of claims 1-12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw this rejection.

Objection under 37 CFR 1.75(c)

Claims 4-6 and 12 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c). Applicants respectfully assert that the objection as to claims 4-6 and 12 has been rendered moot by the cancellation herein of claims 1-12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw this objection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and/or remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 13-32 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance. In order to expedite disposition of this case, the Office is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below to resolve any remaining issues.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees or credit any overpayment(s) to deposit account No. 26-0166, referencing Attorney Docket No. 100647-1 US.

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